
DIGEST

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HB No. 302

Abstract: Requires that certain additional boards and commissions provide information for posting on a website maintained by the commissioner of administration; provides relative to the information required to be posted on the website; requires the legislative auditor to work with the commissioner of administration in ensuring compliance.

Present law (effective March 1, 2010) requires the commissioner of administration to establish and maintain a website to post certain specified information concerning certain boards, commissions, and like entities, including notices and minutes, statutory citations, contact information, membership information, employee information, information concerning the budget and finances of the board or commission, and rules and regulations of the board or commission. Provides deadlines for submitting such information to the commissioner of administration. Further provides that all submissions of required information be made electronically in a format designated by the commissioner of administration.

Proposed law specifies that the information concerning compensation required by present law to be posted on the website include per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses, including the amount of such expenses paid per meeting and an aggregate amount of such expenses paid per fiscal year. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law applies to any board, commission, or like entity that is a licensing agency pursuant to present law (Licensing Agency Budget Act—R.S. 39:1332) and to the La. Board of Cosmetology (R.S. 37:571). Provides further that present law applies to any committee, subcommittee, or panel of any such licensing agency or of the La. Board of Cosmetology.

Proposed law retains present law. Expands the number of boards and commissions required to submit information by including each board and commission whose members are required to file annual financial disclosure statements pursuant to present law (Code of Governmental Ethics—R.S. 42:1124.2), which requires, subject to certain exceptions, that the following file financial disclosure statements:

- (1) Each member and any designee of a member of a board or commission (as that term is defined in present law) that has the authority to expend, disburse, or invest \$10,000 or more in a fiscal year.
- (2) Each member of the State Civil Service Commission.

(3) Each member of the Board of Commissioners of the La. Stadium and Exposition District.

Proposed law requires the legislative auditor to work with the commissioner of administration to ensure that each board, commission, or like entity covered by present law complies with the provisions of present law.

Effective May 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 49:1302(E); Adds R.S. 49:1305(A)(3) and 1307)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Removed proposed requirement that the commissioner of administration ensure that each notice received from a board, commission, or like entity is posted on the website as soon as possible after receipt and that other information be posted on the website no later than 10 business days after receiving it.
2. Added requirement that the legislative auditor work with the commissioner of administration to ensure that each board, commission, or like entity covered by proposed law complies with the provisions of proposed law.
3. Added requirement that information concerning compensation required by present law to be posted on the website include per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses, including the amount of such expenses paid per meeting and an aggregate amount of such expenses paid per fiscal year.
4. Changed the effective date of proposed law from Jan. 1, 2011 to May 1, 2011.